

Councilwoman Bonner Celebrates Groundbreaking for Our Lady of Perpetual Help Convent Retirement Home Renovations

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Councilwoman fast-tracks construction start after three and a half year delay



Councilwoman Bonner is pictured (center in yellow) with members of the community at a ceremony to mark the upcoming renovation at local convent.

Farmingville, NY - On March 26, Councilwoman Jane Bonner joined Sister Ann Gray, DW, Provincial of the Daughters of Wisdom and dozens of friends, community leaders and benefactors at the groundbreaking ceremony for the renovation of the Sister's retirement home at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Convent for the Daughters of Wisdom in Sound Beach. The Most Reverend Bishop William Francis Murphy, S.T.D., Bishop of Rockville Centre presided over the event and bestowed his blessings on the home.

The renovation project was delayed nearly three and a half years, until Councilwoman Jane Bonner stepped in to move the process forward and helped the Sisters secure a Town building permit.

"This groundbreaking has been a long time in coming and it was a great honor to be part of the ceremony," said Councilwoman Bonner, "When I discovered that the renovation was bogged down with the Town for so long, my staff and I took action to put it on the fast track. The Daughters of Wisdom play an important role in the community and I am so happy that the new construction is now underway."

The Daughters of Wisdom are a religious congregation and were part of the founding of St. Charles Hospital, Maryhaven Center of Hope, and Infant Jesus School. Construction at the facility is being done by Lipsky Enterprises of Bayport. The project will take more than a year to complete and will cost nearly \$5 million.

Also in attendance was Father Frank Pizzarelli of the Society of Montfort Missionaries and founder of Hope House Ministries.

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